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State chancellor's office leaders visit Skyline

Last Wednesday we hosted the new Executive Vice Chancellor and the new Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs from the Chancellor's Office for the California Community Colleges. They were interested in visiting a local college and in particular in what we are doing with the Basic Skills Initiative (what we call the College Success Initiative or CSI). A large group of us gave brief presentations on projects that are taking place here as a result of the CIS, or which are involved with it in various ways: Regina Stanback Stroud, Vice President of Instruction, Introductions and Opening Comments; Virginia Padron and Soodi Zamani, CSI Co-Coordinators, Overview; Michael Hoffman, Learning Community Coordinator, First Year Experience; Patricia Deamer, Math Academy Coordinator and Lachanee Richard, Math Academy Student, ASTEP Math Academy; Melissa Komadina, Coordinator, OnCourse; Joe Madrigal, Interim Vice President of Student Services, One-Stop Student Center; William Watson, Director, SparkPoint San Mateo Center; Christianne Marra, Communications Manager, tour guide. Thanks to Christianne Marra for this photo of Eric Skinner, Executive Vice Chancellor and Barry Russell, Vice Chancellor for Educational Services, along with myself and Regina.

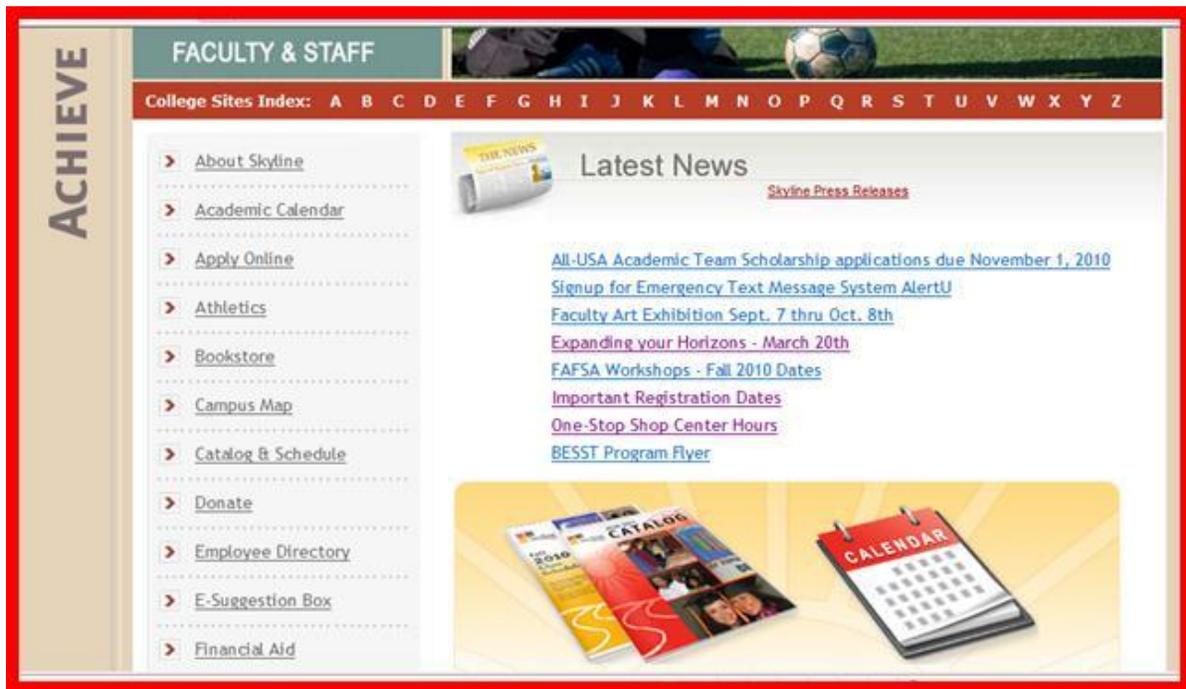


Check out the retooled website!

In our continuing efforts to update and make our Skyline website more user-friendly, we are excited to announce that we've released a new version of the home page at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/>. Highlights in this new version include:

- More content, due to allowing the home page to "scroll" downward
- "Quick Links" on the lower left side, allowing users to move quickly to key parts of the website
- Graphical buttons for the "Catalog & Schedule" and "Academic Calendar" in the middle of the page – two of the most commonly used parts of the website
- Expanded "Latest News" and "Upcoming Events" sections

Thanks to Rob Johnstone, Laura Fraser, Jaz Witham, and Ahmad Ladhani for helping make this happen. As always, feel free to direct any website comments or questions to Rob Johnstone at johnstoner@smccd.edu. This sample of the extended page is a hyperlink to our website.



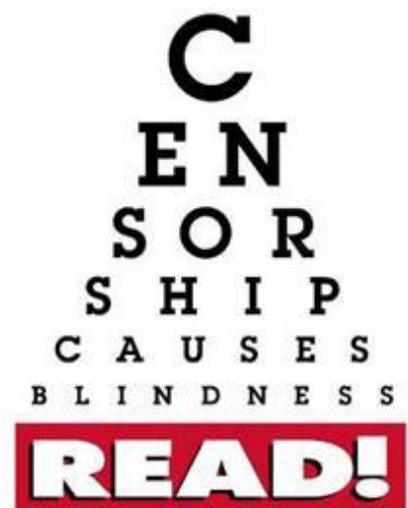
Skyline celebrates freedom to read during Banned Books Week, September 25-October 2

The freedom to access information and express ideas, even those considered objectionable, provides the foundation for Banned Books Week. What do *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*, *An American Tragedy*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *And Tango Makes Three*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and *The Call of the Wild* have in common? They have been challenged or banned. The following were the top three reasons cited for challenging materials as reported to the Office of Intellectual Freedom:

1. The material was considered to be "sexually explicit"
2. The material contained "offensive language"
3. The material was "unsuited to any age group."

The American Library Association actively advocates in defense of the rights of library users to read, seek information, and speak freely as guaranteed by the First Amendment. A publicly supported library provides free and equal access to information for all people of that community. We enjoy this basic right in our democratic society. It is a core value of the library profession.

Other recent displays in the Library include one called *Study Skills and College Success*. Patrons quickly snapped up books on how to study in college, demystifying algebra, critical thinking, how to study science, grammar traps, and how to write term papers. A companion display, *Life Skills 101*, featured books to help students overcome social anxiety, calm stress, deal with anger and mood swings, how to eat well, and how to help friends in times of need. Currently, the Library is



observing Constitution Day (September 17) with an exhibit of books about the founding of the Constitution and its history. Highlights include *Plain, honest men: The making of the American Constitution*; *Freedom's law: The moral reading of the American Constitution*; *The founders' Second Amendment: Origins of the right to bear arms*; *Slavery's Constitution*; *Freedom of the press: Rights and liberties under the law*; and many others. The next exhibit will focus on National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 – October 15.

Free Depression Screening coming next Wednesday

Psychological Services and Personal Counseling is offering a free Depression Screening on Wednesday October 6, from 9:00am – 1:00pm in the cafeteria. There will be information on depression, suicide, bipolar disorder and anxiety, as well community referrals. Students can complete a self questionnaire on depression and have it reviewed privately by one of the licensed Psychological Services counselors. Participation slips are provided as some instructors will allow class credit for participating in this screening.

Skyline's TRiO Program Kicks Off to a great start

On Friday, September 24, the TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) Program hosted its yearly Kickoff event welcoming new students into the program and giving returning students an opportunity to meet the TRiO family including, staff, faculty, and students. This year's event was a huge success having a turnout of over 70 students. The

pictures of this event are a snapshot of activities and an ice breaker that were held.

Presentations were made by TRiO Club officers and program staff: including words from the Dean of Language Arts, Connie Beringer, Nohel Corral (TRiO SSS and Learning Center Interim Director), Leigh Anne Sippel (English Lab Coordinator), John Chavez (Math Lab Coordinator), John Saenz (English Instructional Aide), and TRiO Counselors Jessica Lopez and Javier Urena, which all added up to make this event a success. Thanks to Jessica Lopez for the photos.



Puente mentors gather to meet mentees

On September 22, Puente had its first Mentoring Mixer, in which students had the opportunity to interact with professional and peer mentors at Skyline College. Puente students practiced interviewing skills and learned about a variety of careers and subjects of study by interviewing a succession of mentors. Students moved about a circle of mentors asking and answering specific questions about life goals, majors, career goals as well as purposes for being in college. Finally, the event concluded with students having the opportunity to interview mentors in five different career paths to ask more major and career specific questions of the mentors. The mixer was attended by 29 first semester Puente students, 7 professional mentors and 17 peer mentors. Note: The program is still looking for three more professional mentors, so if you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact Sandra Rodrigues (rodrigues@smccd.edu).

I am serving as a Puente mentor this fall, and so was invited to participate in the training and meeting with the mentees. Several of the young women I spoke with had come to Skyline as a result of their experience in the Hermanas program, a President's Innovation Fund project at South San Francisco High School. Thanks to Sandra Rodrigues and Lucia Lachmayr for their leadership for the Puente program, for organizing the mentoring program and this event, and for the photos.



College Budget Committee update

The College Budget Committee met on September 30, co-chaired by Professor Fermin Irigoyen, Academic Senate President, and Eloisa Briones, Director of Business Services.

1. **District Committee on Budget & Finance update:** There is still no state budget. The district is negotiating with the County on what they will charge the district for billing and collecting the parcel tax. Clarification was made as to the tentative allocation of Measure G funds among the colleges and Central Services. During this year, DCBF will invite the presidents to talk about how resources are allocated to the colleges and district office. The parameters used in the resource allocation model will also be reviewed.
2. **Review of the budget process for 2010-11 and 2011-12:** The year 2010-2011 is an extraordinary year. The college site allocation (Fund 1) increased by \$168K between the tentative budget and the final budget. With the passage of Measure G, Skyline will receive an estimated \$1.4 million this year. The college has already added some sections this semester and many more for the spring. Temporary support staff were hired to help relieve the pressure on the One Stop staff as they provide student services. There is an estimated \$700K of Measure G funds that can be allocated this year to meet various college needs as long as they are one-time expenditures for areas listed in the ballot language. The divisions will have the opportunity to submit resource requests that CBC will review and prioritize. CBC will also determine and

recommend the number of faculty and classified staff positions to be hired for 2011-12. In light of all factors, CBC established the following budget timelines:

- October 1 Eloisa will email resource request forms to divisions and CBC.
- October 14 CBC will develop guiding principles and criteria to be used in prioritizing resource requests, based on the college's goals and strategies and the Measure G ballot language.
- October 21 Divisions submit resource requests to Eloisa for distribution to CBC.
- October 28 CBC will review and prioritize resource requests and make a recommendation to the President.

3. **Next meeting:** October 14.

Prior CBC minutes are archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/GovCommittees/cbc/index.html>.

Coming Up...

October 1, 2010

- 2:00 p.m., Women's Soccer vs. Chabot @ Skyline
- 2:00 p.m., Men's Soccer vs. Monterey Peninsula @ Monterey
- 6:30 p.m., Women's Volleyball vs. San Jose City College @ Skyline

October 5, 2010

- 4:00 p.m., Women's Soccer vs. Ohlone @ Fremont

October 6, 2010

- 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Depression Screening, Building 6 (Cafeteria)
- 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., FAFSA Workshop, Building 2 – 2117A
- 6:30 p.m., Women's Volleyball vs. DeAnza @ Skyline

Do you have a suggestion?

One way to submit it is through our general **e-Suggestion Box**, via the hyperlink in the box below, or via the same box on the front page of our website at

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/general/surveys/index.html>



Here is the **Website Redesign Project e-Suggestion Box**, for feedback on the new website,



For suggestions specific to the **budget**, here is the link:



For state level information on community colleges, see these websites:

- The California Community College Chancellor's Office in Sacramento: <http://www.cccco.edu/>
- The Community College League of California: <http://www.ccleague.org/>
- The Research and Planning Group: <http://www.rpgroup.org/>

Skyline Shines is archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/skyshines/>

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